

The FWS in conjunction with NMFS announce the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed issuance of the incidental take permit and signing of the agreement. The FWS is taking administrative responsibility for announcing the availability of the aforementioned documents. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application and EA should be received on or before June 19, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the application or EA should be addressed to Mr. Curt Smitch, Assistant Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3773 Martin Way East, Building C—Suite 101, Olympia, Washington 98501. Please refer to permit No. PRT-777837 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing copies of the application or EA for review should immediately contact the above office (360-534-9330).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Hansen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3773 Martin Way East, Building C—Suite 101, Olympia, WA., 98501; (360) 412-5465. Steve Landino, National Marine Fisheries Service, 3773 Martin Way East, Building C—Suite 101, Olympia, WA., 98501; (360) 412-5469.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Under section 9 of the Act and its implementing regulations, "taking" of a threatened or endangered species, is prohibited. However, the FWS and NMFS, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened and endangered wildlife species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are in 50 CFR 17.32 and in 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered species.

The Applicant proposes to implement an amendment to their HCP for the northern spotted owl that will allow timber harvest on portions of approximately 55,000 acres of their Tree Farm. The Applicant's proposed timber harvest may result in the take, as defined in the Act and its implementing regulations, of listed species. The HCP and permit would be in effect through the year 2094. The application includes an amended HCP and Implementation Agreement.

The Applicant proposes to mitigate for the incidental take of all listed species by maintaining at least 10 percent of the Tree Farm in non-harvestable reserves for the term of the

permit. Reserves would be established during a Watershed Analysis process which the Applicant would complete by 2004. The expected result of Watershed Analysis would place a majority of the reserves in riparian zones. In addition, the Applicant would be committed to a variety of special measures intended to mitigate and minimize impacts to the habitat types which occur on the Tree Farm, and specific State and Federal species of concern including the grizzly bear, gray wolf, bald and golden eagles, goshawk, Larch Mountain salamander, Townsend's big-eared bat, long-legged myotis (bat), and others. The Applicant also proposes to mitigate for impacts to anadromous salmonids through habitat conservation measures for these species.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of 5 alternatives, including the proposed action and no-action alternatives. The proposed action alternative is the issuance of a permit under section 10(a) of the Act that would authorize incidental take of all listed species, and signing of the agreement for currently unlisted species, that may occur in the habitats on the Applicant's Tree Farm. The proposed action would require the Applicant to implement their amended Habitat Conservation Plan. Under the no-action alternative, the Applicant would continue to implement their existing northern spotted owl HCP, and additional incidental take permits would not be issued. The third alternative is to maintain approximately 29 percent of the Tree Farm in reserves generated according to Watershed Analysis prescriptions. The fourth alternative is to maintain reserves on about 17 percent of the Tree Farm, and would allow the Applicant to harvest timber on a limited basis in the outer half of riparian reserves. The fifth alternative would place about 5 percent of the Tree Farm in riparian reserves with additional protection on steep slopes with wet talus habitat, the Applicant would commit to and complete further Watershed Analysis by the year 2004, and the Applicant would retain all live conifer and conifer snags greater than 40 inches in diameter at breast height.

Dated: May 12, 1995.

**Thomas Dwyer,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.*

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#### **National Park Service**

##### **National Capital Memorial Commission; Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 1995, at 1 p.m., at the National Building Museum, Room 312, 5th and F Streets, NW.

The Commission was established by Public Law 99-652, the Commemorative Works Act, for the purpose of preparing and recommending to the Secretary of the Interior, Administrator, General Services Administration, and Members of Congress broad criteria, guidelines, and policies for memorializing persons and events on Federal lands in the National Capital Region (as defined in the National Capital Planning Act of 1952, as amended), through the media of monuments, memorials and statues. It is to examine each memorial proposal for adequacy and appropriateness, make recommendations to the Secretary and Administrator, and to serve as information focal point for those persons seeking to erect memorials on Federal land in the National Capital Region.

The members of the Commission are as follows:

Director, National Park Service  
Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission  
The Architect of the Capitol  
Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission  
Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts  
Mayor of the District of Columbia  
Administrator, General Services Administration  
Secretary of Defense

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider sites for the World War II Memorial. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact the Commission at 202-619-7097. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Office of Land Use Coordination, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 201, Washington, D.C., 20242.

Dated: May 11, 1995.

**Robert Stanton,**

*Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-439X]

### Dallas Area Rapid Transit— Abandonment Exemption—in Dallas County, TX

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a portion of its line of railroad, known as the Garland Line, between milepost 762.26 and milepost 763.0, in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, TX, a distance of .74 miles.<sup>1</sup>

DART has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on June 17, 1995, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> DART acquired this line of railroad from the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company (MP) in 1990, with MP retaining trackage rights. MP discontinued its trackage rights through a 1992 relocation of its operations, and later abandoned three miles of trackage (as to which MP had retained ownership) south from the current end of track at milepost 763.0 into Dallas. This right-of-way south of the line is now used as a recreational trail.

<sup>2</sup> A stay will be issued routinely by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made prior to the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d

formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>3</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29<sup>4</sup> must be filed by May 30, 1995. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by June 7, 1995, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Kevin M. Sheys, 1020 19th St., N.W., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

DART has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environmental and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by May 23, 1995. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 3219, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling Elaine Kaiser, Chief of SEA, at (202) 927-6248. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA is available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Decided: May 11, 1995.

By the Commission, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

### Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in the Conference Room of the Office of Director of Practice, Suite 600, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, on Thursday and Friday, June 22

377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay on environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

<sup>3</sup> See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

<sup>4</sup> The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

and 23, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion of future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, section 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the May 1995 Joint Board examinations in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for inclusion on the syllabus for the Joint Board's examination program for the November 1995 pension actuarial examination and the May 1996 basic actuarial examinations will be discussed. In addition, the possibility of having single true/false questions with a lower weighting than other questions on the Pension Examination will be discussed.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on future Joint Board examinations and review of the May 1995 Joint Board examination fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 1:30 p.m. on June 22 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3:00 p.m. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public as space is available. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements are requested to notify the Acting Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available, and should submit the written text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Acting Committee Management Officer. Notifications and statements should be mailed no later than June 6, 1995 to Mr. Robert I. Brauer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220.